



Arizona

J-1 Visa Waiver Program (Conrad 30)

Purpose

The goal of the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) J-1 Visa Waiver Program is to improve accessibility to health care for underserved areas by supporting J-1 visa waiver requests on behalf of foreign medical graduates who have obtained a J-1 visa for graduate medical studies in the United States ("J-1 physicians") if the community is unsuccessful in recruiting a U.S. citizen medical provider.

Requirements

- Provide services in federally designated Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA), Medically Underserved Areas (MUA), or Medically Underserved Populations (MUP)
- Signed contract for full time (40 hrs/wk) employment
- Service Site operational for at least 6 months prior to J-1 Visa Waiver Program opening date
- Uses a Sliding to Discount Fee schedule based on current Federal Poverty Guidelines

Preference Criteria

- Physicians who speak Spanish or a significantly represented language in the designated area
- Outpatient Care
- Rural Location
- Service sites that are: Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), Look A-likes, Rural Health Clinics, or contractor of the Arizona Primary Care Program
- Single Service Site
- The program <u>does not</u> support J-1 physicians in research positions, long term care, chronic care, rehabilitation facilities or Emergency Medicine.

Highlights:

- 30 Slots available every year to provide letters of support to J-1 Physicians
- 22 Slots for primary care physicians and psychiatrists
- 7 Slots for specialist physicians
- Currently 104 J-1 providers serving in 12 counties within Arizona.

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